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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, SpINT, OCI

ATTENTION : [REDACTED] 25X1A9a

SUBJECT : Comments on Intelligence Communications
Procedure Proposed by [REDACTED] 25X1A9aREFERENCE : Draft Paper "Intelligence Communications
and Related Procedures," 17 March 1958,
Secret

1. All of the comments by this Office are in accord with the need to improve the intelligence communications procedures. Attached are specific comments as prepared by the Communications Branch (S/COM) of ORR.

2. There are obviously specific formidable problems which would arise in the partial or complete installation of the communications model. Despite such problems, this Office believes that the model should now be tasked out to determine by what combinations (of equipment, personnel, etc.), and by what phasing could this model be translated into reality.

3. Considerations for these tasks should include equipment needs, variations in field station conditions, and headquarters distribution and selection problems. Further investigation of this proposed system could be organized in terms of the following phases:

a. initial steps necessary to obtain within CIA minimum emergency communications* between headquarters and two field communications centers [REDACTED]; and b. desired mid-term and final goals in the development of the proposed system.

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* roughly similar to emergency transmission via military nets.

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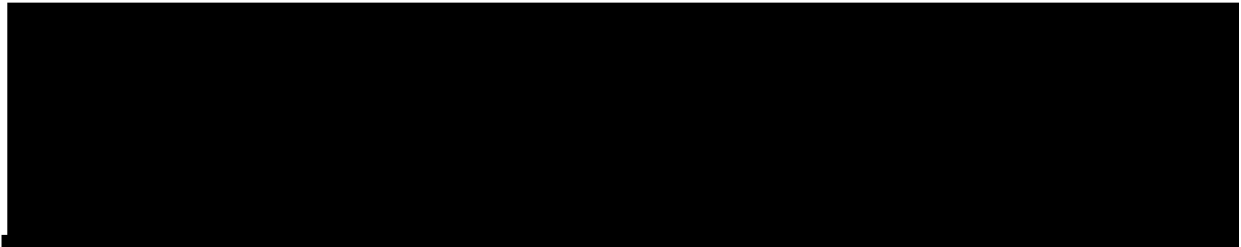
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4. A vastly improved field to headquarters communications system would only accentuate an already serious distribution problem within headquarters. Time saved in transmission could be easily consumed in the distribution procedures unless changes were to be made here. One consideration which would ease such a situation involves planning so that traffic received on improved equipment can be handled easily over present printer systems when peak loads of tape requiring immediate distribution are received. While it is undesirable that equipment and procedural innovations be prisoners of existing facilities, the obverse is equally evident. The suggested improvements of the communications model should be engineered so that materials handled can be distributed by present communications equipment as well.

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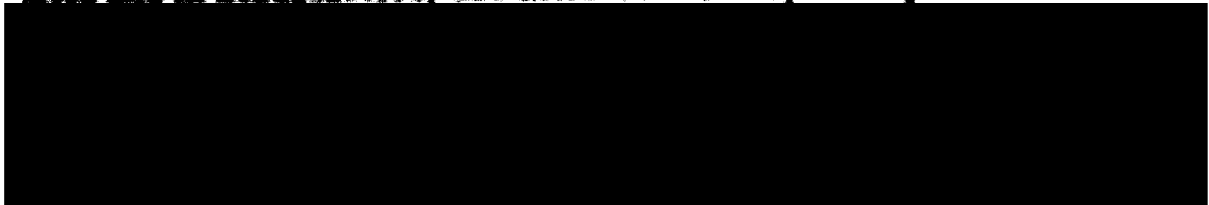


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In coping with these varying field conditions, establishment of equipment on site will be difficult in terms of who controls it, but even this problem will not be as great as the provision for adequate numbers of personnel in the field in order to prepare information for transmittal to headquarters.

6. The communications model is a complex proposition even when considered as links between the field and headquarters, but it is even more so when the lateral communication needs (both in the field and in headquarters) are included. It may be important to rec-

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